In the Court of Appeals of the State of Alaska

Christian Lynn Beier,

Appellant,

V.

State of Alaska,

Appellee.

Trial Court Case No. 3AN-15-09578CR

Court of Appeals No. A-13316

Order

Motion for Court Review of Sealed Document

Date of Order: October 27, 2020

Before: Allard, Chief Judge, Wollenberg and Harbison, Judges

The appellant, Christian Lynn Beier, filed a motion asking this Court to review the sealed record containing confidential materials concerning a prosecution witness. But when we reviewed the sealed record, we discovered that the trial court had never ordered the production of the materials and, as a result, they were not in the record.

We accordingly remanded this case to the trial court. Our remand order instructed the trial court to order the production of the confidential materials and to conduct its own review of the materials.

The trial court has completed its review of the materials and has determined that the confidential materials should not be disclosed to the defense. The trial court retained the materials in the sealed record and transmitted its order and the materials to us for our independent review.

We have now completed our review of the confidential documents, and we conclude that the trial court did not err in its handling of this matter. In particular, we note that the confidential records pertain to a witness who did not testify at Beier's trial. We agree with the trial court that no disclosure to the defense of the materials or information in the materials is required.

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IT IS ORDERED that Beier's Motion for Court Review of Sealed Document is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part. We grant Beier's request that we independently review the sealed records, but we deny his request to disclose the records to him.

Entered at the direction of the Court.

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